

**COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY RESPONSIBILITIES**  
**Presbytery of Cincinnati**  
(adopted May 8, 2012)

The following is based on the current *Book of Order* and responsibilities previously delegated by the presbytery to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

The committee shall serve the presbytery in the following ways. All actions carried out as a result of delegated authority must be reported to the presbytery at its next regular meeting. (G-3.0307)

**PREPARING PERSONS TO BECOME TEACHING ELDERS**

The committee shall guide the preparation of those preparing to become teaching elders. (G-3.0301a) and facilitate the presbytery's oversight of inquirers and candidates. (G-3.0307, G-2.06)

Acting on behalf of the presbytery, CPM may

- enroll inquirers (G-2.0602)
- explore the call to ministry with inquirers (G-2.0603)
- evaluate candidates' fitness and readiness for a call (G-2.0604)
- provide oversight of inquirers and candidates (G-2.0605)
- grant permission to inquirers and candidates to engage in some form of supervised service to the church and authorize those previously ordained as a ruling elder to preside at the Lord's Supper when invited by a session. (G-2.0606)
- certify a candidate ready for examination for ordination, pending a call. (G-2.0607)
- transfer the covenant relationship of an inquirer or candidate to or from another presbytery (G-2.0608)
- remove an individual's name from the roll of inquirers and candidates if she or he withdraws from covenant relationship. (G-2.0609)
- elect ruling and teaching elders to be readers of standard ordination examinations (G-3.0302b)

**PREPARING RULING ELDERS COMMISSIONED TO PASTORAL SERVICE**

The committee shall guide the preparation of ruling elders preparing to be commissioned to pastoral service (G-2.10)

Acting on behalf of the presbytery, CPM may

- determine appropriate preparation and instruction of ruling elders (G-2.1002)
- evaluate their readiness for service and examine the ruling elder (G-2.1002)

**PREPARING PERSONS FOR CERTIFIED SERVICE**

The committee shall support persons preparing for certified service as needed. (G-2.11)